

An Exact and True

RELATION

OF

The DANGEROUS and BLOODY

FIGHT

Betweene His Majesties Army, and the Parliaments
Forces, neere *Kyneton* in the County of Warwick,
the 23. of this instant OCTOBER.

Sent in a Letter to *John Pym* Esquire,
A Member of the House of Commons.

Which Letter was Signed by

Denzell Hollis : *William Balfore* :

Ph: Stapleton : *Jo: Meldrum* :

Tho: Ballard : *Charles Pym* :

Who were then present.

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FIGHT

between His Majesty's Army and the Parliament
Forces, near Kenilworth in the County of Warwick
the 13 of this instant OCTOBER.

Sent in a Letter to John Pye Esquire
A Member of the House of Commons.

Which Letter was signed by

Denzell Hollis : William Balfour :
P^r Stephen : for Melbourn :
Tho: Ballard : Charles Pye :

Who were then present.

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most solemn oaths were sworn by the Army, and the



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E should do our Army a great deal of wrong, and not discharge our duty of thankfulness towards God, if we took not this first occasion to declare his goodness, in giving so great a blessing as he hath now done to the resolute and unwearied endeavours of our Soldiers, fighting for him in the maintenance of his truth, and for themselves and their Country in defence of their Liberties, and Privileges of PARLIAMENTS. This makes us give you now a Narration of a blessed Victory, which God hath given us upon the Army of the Cavaliers, and of those evil persons, who upon Sunday the 23. of this instant, engaged His Majesty in a dangerous and bloody fight against His faithful Subjects, in the Army raised by Authority of Parliament, for the preservation of His Crown and Kingdom: We marched from VVork, VVednesday the 19. upon Intelligence that their Army was moved from Shrewsbury, and Bridgenorth, and bending Southward; of Train of Artillery was so unready, through want of Draught Horses, and through other omissions of Monsieur de Boys, that we were forced to leave it behind to follow us, and with it the Regiments of Colonel Hawley, and Colonel Greenham; and having for it, we could advance no further than to a little Market Town called Kington in VVarrickshire, six miles from VVarwicke, whether we came the Saturday night with 12. Regiments of Foote, 42. Troops of Horse, and about 700. Dragoons, in all about Ten thousand men: there we intended to rest the Sabbath day, and therefore that our Artillery, and the Forces left with it, might come up to us. In the morning when we were going to Church,

wee had Newes brought us, That the Enemy was two miles from
 us upon a high Hill called Edge Hill: VVhen upon we presently
 marched forth into a great broad field under that Hill, called the
 Vale of the Red-Horse, and made a stand about halfe a mile from
 the foot of the Hill, and there drew two Battalies, where wee saw
 the Enemy's Forces drawn above the Hill, and drew up into Battell
 in the bottom, a great broad company. Their Forces appeared
 to be much greater then we could possibly have conceived them
 to be; by the confession of the prisoners wee have taken, they
 that say least say, Fourteen thousand, which is the Earle of Lin-
 colne's Relation, who was then General; but others say, Eighteen
 thousand, and above 4000 Horse and Dragons: They had
 much for their advantage, and they laboured to put it more
 which to prevent we were enforced to draw out our left VVing
 to a great height, and by that means, before we had
 done gained wholly from them. In our left VVing were
 Regiments of Horse, the Lord Generall's commanded by Sir Philip
 Mordaunt, Sir William Balfour, and the Lord Pringle; Sir John
 Adair's Brigade had the Van, Colonel Effers was in the mid-
 dle, and Colonel Rogers with the Lord Generall's Regiment;
 his were the Lord Rogers, and Colonel Halls in the Rear. In the
 left VVing were 3000 Troops of Horse, commanded by Sir James
 Hamilton, their Commissary General. In this posture wee stood;
 when the other Army advanced towards us, the strength of their
 Horse was on their right VVing opposite to our left; in their
 left VVing they had but ten Troopes, but their Foot which ap-
 peared to us, divided into nine great bodies, came up all at
 once, and after some playing with the Canon on both sides,
 that part of it which was on their left, and towards our right
 VVing, came on us gallantly to the Charge, and were gall-
 antly received, and charged by Sir Philip Stapleton and Sir
 William Balfour's Regiments of Horse, assisted with the Lord
 Roberts and Sir William Combaless's Regiments of Foot: who
 did it to some purpose together, that they forced all the Musque-
 tiers of two of their best Regiments to runne in and throw
 themselves with their Pikes, not daring to shoot a shot, and
 to stand: VVhen our Rear came up, and then charging all toge-
 ther, especially that part of our Rear which was placed upon

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 Brigade.*

the right hand, and so next unto them, which was the Lord Generalls Regiment, and the Lord *Brooke*, led on by Colonel *Ballou* who commanded that Brigade, forced that stand of Pikes, and wholly broke those two Regiments, and slew and took almost every man of them. The Earle of *Linsy*, his Sonne the Lord *Willoughby*, and some other persons of note etc. prisoners, Sir *Edmund Varny*, who carried the Kings Standard, was slain by a Gentleman of the Lord Generalls Troop of Horse, who did much other good service that day, and the Standard taken, which was afterwards by the Lord Generall himselfe delivered into his Secretary *Mr. Chamber*, with an intention to send it back the next day unto His Majesty; but the Secretary after he had carried it long in his hand, suffered it to be taken away by some of our Troopers, and at yet we cannot learn where it is. The other two Regiments of our Rear, Colonel *Holla*, and Colonel *Ballou* charged those which were before them, and then the whole Body of the Kings Ennemy, except two other Regiments ran away; by this time it grew so late and dark, and so day the truth, our Ammunition for this present was all spent, that wee contented our selves to make good the Field, and gave them leave to retire up the Hill in the night. But before we come to this, wee will give you account of what passed in the other parts of our Army, before our Rear came up to charge. Our Battle at the very first wholly discomfited and ran away without ever striking stroke, so much as being charged by the Enemy, although Colonel *Essex* himselfe, and others that commanded those Regiments, in chiefe did as much as men could doe to stay them; but Colonel *Essex* being forsaken by his whole Brigade, went himselfe into the Van, where both by his direction and his owne execution he did most gallant service, till he received a shot in the thigh, of which he is since dead. Now for our Rear, thus it was, before it, towards the outside of it stood our left Wing of Horse, I ordered a little forward to the top of a Hill, where they stood in a Battallie lined with commanded Musketeers, 400. out of Colonel *Holla*'s Regiment, and 200. out of Colonel *Ballou*'s; but upon the first charge of the Enemy they wheeled about, abandoned their Muskets, and came running downe with the Enemys Hordes at their heels,

and lambasting them pell mell, just upon Colonel Halls his Regiment, and brake through it, though Colonel Hall himself, when he saw them come running towards him, went and plucked himself just in the way, and did what possibly he could, do to make them stand, and at last prevailed with these Troops to wheele a little about and rally; but the rest of our Horse of that VVing, and the Enemies Horse with them, brake through, and ran to Kingston, where most of the Enemy left pursuing them, and fell to plundering of our VVaggons, by which many of us have received very great losse, and by name, Your Servants that now write ad you: Notwithstanding their breaking through Colonel Halls his Regiment, it was not dismayed, but together with the other Regiments of that Brigade, marched up the Hill; and so made all the haste they could to come up to fight, and got the winds of the Enemy, and came on (if wee may say it our selves, but wee must doe the Souldiers right) most gallantly, and charged the Enemy, who were then in fight with our Van, and the right VVing of our Horse, and as was said before, help to defeat the two Regiments forementioned; and made all the rest run, but two other Regiments which retired orderly, and at last made a stand; and having the assistance of Canon, and a ditch before them, held us play very handsomely: And by this time it grew so darke, and our Powder and Bullets so spent, that it was not held fit wee should advance upon them; but then we stood in very good order, drew up our Forces both Horse and Foote, and so stood all the night upon that place where the Enemy before the fight had drawn into Battallie, till toward morning that the Enemy was gone, and retired up the Hill: And then wee returned also to a warmer place neere Kingston, where we had quartered the night before, for wee were almost starved with cold in that bitter night, our Army being in extreame want of Victualles. And about nine or ten of the clock drew out againe into Battallie, and so stood three or four hours, till the Enemy was clean gone from the Hill, and then wee drew againe into our quarter, and there have layne this night, and purpose this day, Gods willing, what wee have begun our selves, to march to VVarrickton: which our Army, which is exceedingly wearied with so many nights watching, and so long a fight which hold from darke till darke

dark night; This particular would not be noticed, one of the
William of Effex, who in the beginning of the day broke a Rope
 made of Faxe which had given Colonnell *Effex*, sent them to their Ca-
 non, which they threw down their Armes and ran away; he laid
 his hand upon the Canon, and called for nailes to fasten them on,
 especially the two biggest, which were Demi-canon, but finding
 none, hee cut the Ropes belonging to them, and his Troopers
 killed the Cannoniers; Then he pursued the fyers half a mile up-
 on execution, and after returned to Sir *Philip Stapleton*, who in
 the meane time was charging of the red Regiment, where the
 Kings foote was, and had charged to some purpose of like
 with his single Troope; and they then, together with the help of
 some of the Foote of our Reere, utterly broke it, as you had be-
 fore. The other particular was of Sir *Philip Stapleton*, who,
 when five Troopes of the Enemies horse returned from pursuite
 of our left Wing, and from plundering some of our weapons
 and passed by the out-side of our Reere upon the left hand, went
 and charged them with his Troope, and made them run; but they
 finding a gap in the hedge, got away, and returned to the rest of
 their broken Troopes, where they rallied and made up a kind of
 of Body againe. If we had time we could relate unto you many
 more observable passages, but what you have here shall suffice
 you for now. This only will we say, some on both sides did
 extreemly well, and others did as ill, and deserve to be hanged
 for deserting and betraying as much as lay in them their party,
 but God alone is to be praised who fought with us, and for us,
 and made it his own worke, to give the Victory unto his Servants:
 VVe have lost of note, only Colonnell *Effex*, and wee feare the
 Lord *Saim-John*, who was dangerously wounded; VVe here send
 you a George, found in the field by a common Souldier, and
 bought of him for twenty shillings by one Captaine *Skinner*; VVe
 have promised him he shall have it againe; wee only send it you
 as one of our Trophies that you may see it: wee beleave you will
 heare of very many of great quality slaine on the other side; The
 Kings foote are either slaine, or most of them run away, and are
 now very weake, and should have been pursued by us, but that
 we must of pure necessity refresh our men for three or foure
 dayes, and then we shall, God willing, addresse ourselves to
 finish

